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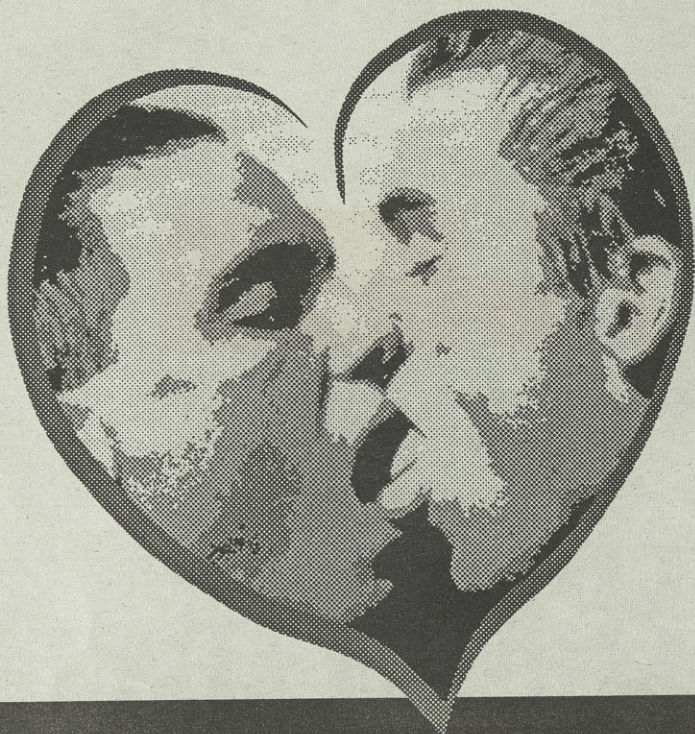


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Really I Must Say!

Where's Your Anger?

by Michael R. Gorman

On the night of the candlelight march in honor of the slain Harvey Milk and George Moscone, a grizzled old man stood on the curb shouting at the crowd, "Where's your anger?"

Bette Midler once shouted to her audience at a New York bath house, "Don't you people ever get tired of being stepped on?"

Although our community has given the world some of its most eloquent examples of peaceful mourning (the quilt, the candlelight marches), and I would never want to abandon them, I sometimes wonder why our creativity so often kicks in only after the fact. We are so damn good at mourning.

Friends of mine helped send out an appeal for money to fight the school district that fired me and almost killed me. The fund received one \$10 check. Because my case was not precedent setting,

"Don't you people ever get tired of being stepped on?"

I could not interest any of our national advocacy groups (including Michael Signorale's Gay and Lesbian Americans, the new "grass roots" advocacy group). I will end up settling out of court with the district because that is all I can afford to do.

I met two lesbians at a party before Christmas. They had both just been fired for their sexuality. The response in the room was mild sympathy before most

people moved on to other subjects of conversation. It was as if someone had said, "We had another inch of rain last week." I offered some help, but they seemed almost embarrassed about their pain. After all, nobody else seemed to think it was that big a deal. I hope they fight it.

It's so much easier to move on to the next subject. And we do.

Remember the shooting of the gay man in San Francisco a little while back by the young men who thought holding hands an offense deserving execution? Has he recovered? Is he surviving financially? Has he been able to afford some counselling? Do we even want to know?

Has anybody called the Sacramento police to urge them to thoroughly investigate the possible hate crime angle of the brutal gay murder on C Street in December? Has anyone met to discuss how to protect ourselves in the future from being viciously beaten and murdered in our own homes?

Who are those kids we see being picked up by horny closet cases from the suburbs every weekend on 20th street? How many have been kicked out of their homes? How do they survive? Where is their place in our community? Who can they talk to?

And what of the election? We didn't wake up this New Year's Day to the sound of the cock crowing. It was the religious right crowing. Whether they have a social mandate or not, they will convince many that they do, and more money will be raised against us. More sermons will be preached every week against us. What is our weekly response?

One of our own most generous and visionary community leaders is fighting a battle with breast cancer. There is no gay or lesbian or bisexual in Sacramento who has not benefitted from her work in some way. Where's the rally?

How are things in Olivet, Mississippi?

What was our collective response to President Clinton's repeated and public betrayal of our community for two years? What are we doing to make the next "friend of gays" think twice before betray-

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Coors Responds to Urged Boycott

Dear Editor,

I write in response to "Boycotting in Our Best Interest," a letter printed in your mid-December issue. Katie Peters suggested "we should tell people to call the Adolph Coors Company at 1-800-642-6116 and let them know how we feel about their job application questions concerning sexual orientation."

I am a gay employee at Coors Brewing Company and have been "out" for the three and a half years I've been here. To my knowledge there has never been a question concerning sexual orientation on anything at this corporation. I and other members of Coors Lesbian and Gay Employee Resource (LAGER) want our community to know Coors Brewing Company is a safe supportive place for all people of difference, including lesbians and gays.

I would ask your readers to rate how gay-friendly their employer is. Coors Brewing Company meets four out of five of the criteria for a gay-friendly corporation as defined the Progressive Asset Management's "Lavender Screen" survey. Coors Brewing Company has had a policy of non-discrimination based on sexual orientation since the late 1970's, company-wide diversity training including anti-homophobia issues, a compassionate AIDS policy for employees, and management support of the two-year old LAGER group. And the fifth criteria, domestic partners benefits requested by LAGER, is under current consideration.

So I too would urge a "National Call Coors Day" so our gay and lesbian people can voice support of Coors Brewing Company's progressive policies for gays and lesbians.

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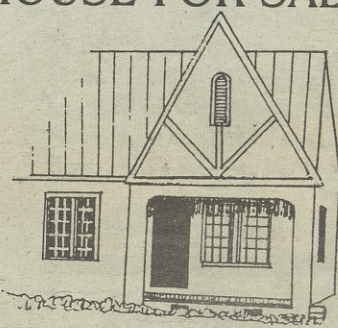
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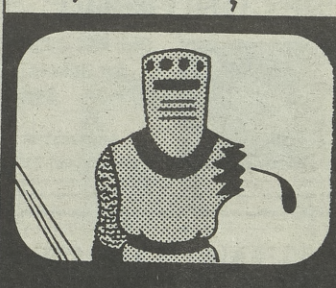
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Obituaries

Veteran-of-Honor Paul Starr-Fuhr Dies

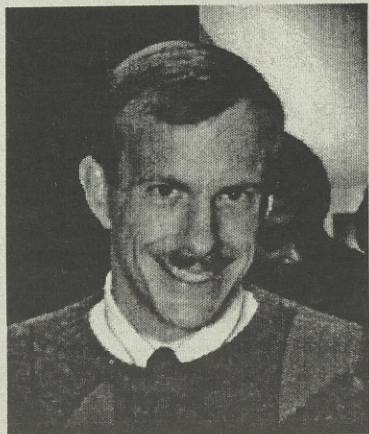
by Sonya Cox

Eight years ago, a man of great promise became the first Air Force officer to be court-martialed and imprisoned for being gay. Emerging from Fort Leavenworth Penitentiary with a felony record after serving nine months -- and remarkably, but characteristically, with an undimmed spirit -- he started his life over. Paul Starr-Fuhr was named "Veteran of Honor for 1993" at that year's "Tribute to Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Veterans," and was honored at a ceremony at the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial in Capitol Park.

On Jan. 4 of this year, Paul lost his hardest-fought battle yet, and passed away in the arms of his beloved Michael Starr-Fuhr.

Throughout his teen years, Paul Starr traveled the German countryside with his parents on vacations designed to afford him first-hand insight into other cultures and lives -- to prepare him to answer the call of leadership he seemed to be born with.

After high school and col-



Paul Starr-Fuhr.

lege, Paul joined the Air Force. True to his name, his star rose swiftly, and he soon proved himself to be a gifted, highly respected officer with tremendous potential. He was the youngest Air Force squadron commander in Europe, and was named Officer of the Year in 1985.

Without warning, his charmed life slammed to a halt during his tour of duty in Germany. A witch-hunt had started at Spangdahlem Air Base. A young enlisted man suspected of being gay had been followed by base personnel, and observed going into a gay bar far from

the Air Force base -- miles away, where he thought he'd be unseen, where he thought he'd be safe. He was brought in for questioning, and it was unmerciful. The interrogation, the humiliating treatment, went on for days. Who had he slept with? Who were the other gays on the base? The inquisitioners wanted names.

Still the airman held out. His life would be ruined once this got on his record, they told him. But perhaps they could make a deal. "We'll give you an honorable discharge if you give us the name of an officer."

He gave them Paul Starr. The court-martial was abominable, with its foredrawn conclusion, and Paul was sentenced to 18 months at the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and dishonorably discharged after admitting to Air Force officials that he was gay. According to his life partner, Michael Starr-Fuhr, Paul was a pawn used as a lesson to other gays in the military. "They wanted to make an example of Paul," Michael says.

Paul's story is told in two

books concerning the issues confronting gays in the U.S. military: "My Country, My Right to Serve," by Mary Ann Humphrey, and "Conduct Unbecoming," by Randy Shilts.

After Paul's release from Leavenworth, he eventually found employment with Terminix International Inc. He worked his way into senior management and began to regularly receive accolades from his superiors, consistently winning achievement awards over other managers throughout the nation.

His business expertise led him to leadership roles in Sacramento's gay community as well. He served as president of the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance, and on the board of directors of the Sacramento Men's Chorus.

He often said that his greatest coup of all was snagging his life partner, Michael Fuhr, whom he married in 1992 in a lavish ceremony at MCC Church surrounded by friends and family. Six weeks before his death, they celebrated their second anniversary.

Philip Johnson

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Drink from your finest china and crystal, dance, sing and laugh out loud when it strikes you, ask for what you need and want (in a very loud voice when necessary!), have no regrets, and give yourself passionately to the things that bring you the most fulfillment -- as such was the life of Philip Johnson, and what a glorious life it was.

Sean Hoag

Sean Hoag died peacefully at home on Saturday Jan. 7, surrounded by his family and partner. Sean, 41, died of AIDS after a lengthy journey.

Sean is survived by Wendell Alderson, his partner of nine years; dear friend John Linder, parents Chuck and Sharon Hoag, sisters Charlene and Joanne, brothers Bob and Bill, nephew Mike and nieces Lynda and Michelle.

Employed by UCDMC as a social worker in the AIDS Clinic, author of the book "Two Headed Dragon: Experiencing the Gifts of AIDS," Sean also worked as a private psychotherapist locally. Sean was a faculty member of the Western AIDS Education and Training Center. Even after retiring on disability, Sean got great satisfaction from sharing his experience, his "journey," with others through lectures and presentations. May this "gentle man" rest peacefully.

Sean wants everyone to know he thoroughly enjoyed life.

Memorial Services were conducted Friday, Jan. 13, at St. Francis Church, with a reception following the memorial. In lieu of flowers, donations to UCDMC Hospice, 1771 Stockton Blvd. #2002, Sacramento, CA 95816, are preferred.

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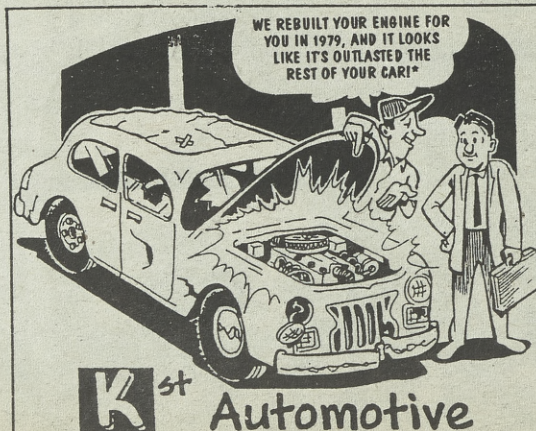
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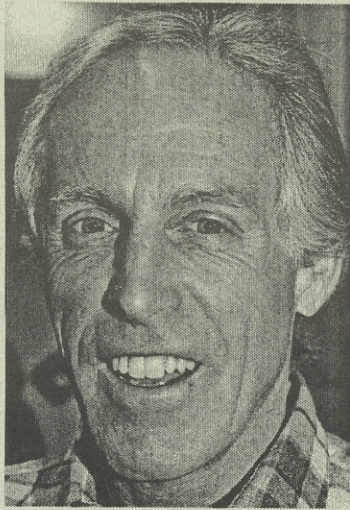
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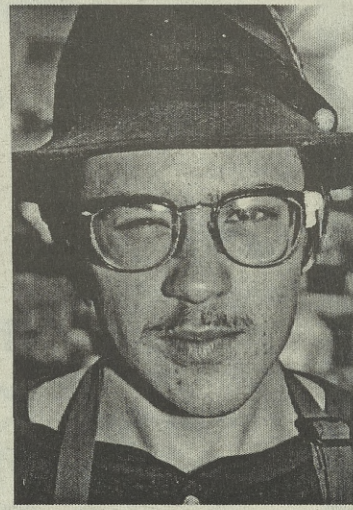
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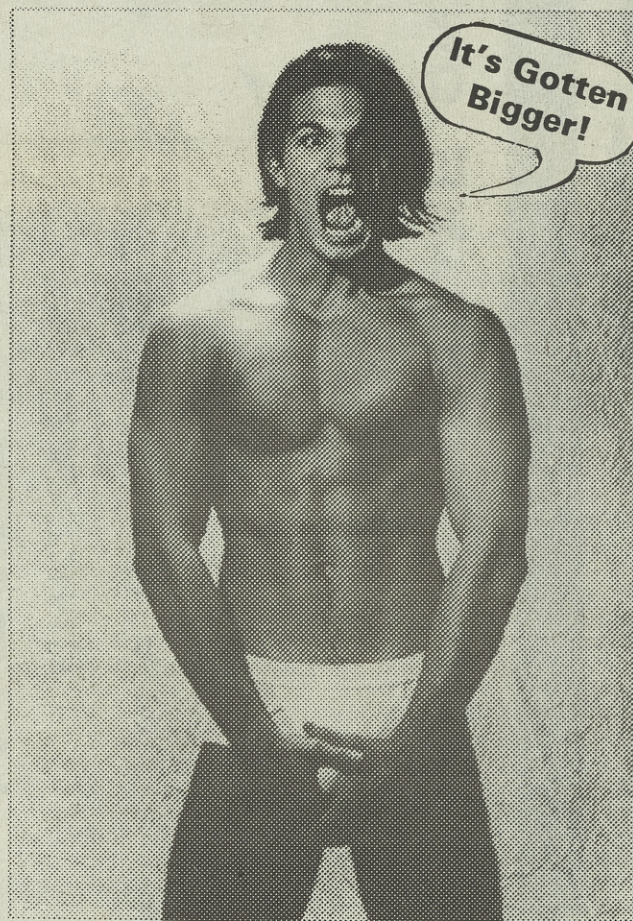
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Around the Nation

American Medical Association Moves out of the Dark Ages with its

Landmark Report on Lesbian/Gay Health Needs

by David A. Borad

In a comprehensive report, the American Medical Association (AMA) has established policy changes regarding the medical treatment and needs of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in the U.S.

Specifically, the new AMA policy deletes references to "sex preference reversal" as appropriate therapy for individuals unhappy with their sexual orientation. Further, the new language calls for an ongoing dialogue with the gay/lesbian/bisexual communities regarding specific health care concerns

beyond HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment.

Citing that "most of the emotional disturbance experienced by gay men and lesbians around their sexual identity is... due more to a sense of alienation in an unaccepting environment." The AMA has finally followed the American Psychiatric

Association's 1973 decision to remove homosexuality from their list of illnesses, and as a pathology needing treatment.

The policy changes, implemented on Dec. 6, are the result of a report that was over a year in development following a 1993 meeting between members of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association and AMA trustees.

Although the changes in policy are important, the report from the AMA's Council of Scientific Affairs covers much more. The report discusses topics such as the difficulty in establishing realistic estimates of the prevalence of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals due to "the sensitive nature of the subject

and the societal stigmatization of homosexuality" and concedes that underreporting "will likely occur."

Another issue stressed in the report is the need for doctors to turn to significant partner relationships when it comes to medical decision making. The report suggests "whenever possible, physicians should explore surrogate decision making preferences... before the need arises."

The 20 page report also mentions that doctors need to be aware of higher rates of substance abuse and suicide attempts among gay and lesbian youth. The AMA attributes this state to social stigmatiza-

tion and prejudice and a lack of healthy role models. Additionally the report tells doctors of the variety of health issues gays and lesbians face.

Finally, in referring to needs of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community, the paper points out that in a 1989 survey of general practitioners, "Only about 33% felt comfortable with gay men." The authors of the report conclude doctors and other health care professionals need to address the physical and psychological needs of gay men and lesbians in their medical education in order to feel "more confident and less uncomfortable with homosexual and bisexual patients."

Around the World

by Rex Wockner

Gay Swedes Legally Marry

Two men in the northern town of Ostersund were the first to tie the knot after Sweden's law legalizing gay/lesbian marriage took effect Jan. 1. Hans Jonsson, 42, and Sven-Olov Jansson, 58, were married at City Hall by former member of parliament Jorn Svensson, who publicly supported same-sex marriage as early as 1973. "It is important to be recognized by the society the same way heterosexual couples are," Jansson told reporters.

Jonsson said, "We are finally accepted now by Swedish society, and now we have almost the same rights as heterosexuals." Svensson called the new law "a victory for justice and equality." Several other gay/lesbian couples married in a public ceremony Jan. 5 at Stockholm City Hall. There was a reception in the garden and a procession to the Swedish Federation for Gay and Lesbian Rights center, where partying continued to the wee hours of the morning. Parliament legalized gay marriage June 7 by a vote of 171 to 141 with 5 abstentions and 32 absences. At the time, Prime Minister Carl Bildt

stated: "We accept homosexual love as equivalent to heterosexual. Love is an important force to personal as well as social development, and should therefore not be denied." As in Denmark and Norway — the two other nations that allow gays to marry — Sweden's law grants all rights of marriage except access to adoption, artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization, and church weddings. In all three nations, one partner must be a citizen living in his/her home country. Denmark legalized gay marriage in 1989, Norway in 1993. More than 3,000 gay couples have wed in Denmark.

Man Jailed for Unsafe Sex

A New Zealand court sent Kenyan musician Peter Mwai to jail for seven years in late December for having unsafe sex while he knew he was HIV-positive. Mwai, a drummer in a touring band, did not use a condom with five women and two of them became positive. He was found guilty of criminal nuisance and causing grievous bodily harm. "This is a plague in our society and we must pro-

tect our community against it," Judge James Robertson said. Mwai's lawyer will appeal. (Reuter)

Yeltsin Rejects HIV Testing Law

Russian President Boris Yeltsin in late December returned to parliament legislation mandating HIV testing of foreigners, tourists and Russians who are at high risk for AIDS or work in certain professions. Yeltsin told the Duma, the lower house of parliament, to rework the bill. Non-governmental AIDS organizations in Moscow took credit for Yeltsin's move and said it was the first time they had impacted AIDS policies.

Aussies Gear Up for Mardi Gras

Gays and lesbians Down Under are gearing up for their annual Mardi Gras celebration, which culminates March 4 with the huge parade on Sydney's Oxford Street and an all-night dance party in five pavilions of the Royal Showgrounds. The parade, attended last year by

500,000 people, will be broadcast the next evening by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the largest TV network. A month-long festival of theater, film, comedy, exhibitions, sports and other events is also planned. For information, phone 011-61-2-557-4332 or fax 011-61-2-516-4446. For travel information in the U.S., phone (800) 959-4636 or (800) 397-2681.

BBC Bans Gay Activist Group

The British Broadcasting Corporation has banned members of the gay group OutRage from speaking live on radio or TV after its membership voted to endorse outing of closeted public figures whose actions or

inactions harm gays. OutRage denounced the move as "outrageous censorship which effectively silences a whole section of lesbian and gay opinion."

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by Rex Wockner

"We were a little nervous but each time we did it we got less self-conscious... During that scene with Judy, I had a revelation of what it's like to be gay... I thought, 'It's kind of nice to kiss a woman.'"

—Actress Glenn Close on her kiss with actress Judy Davis in the film "Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story," which airs in February on NBC. (See feature on page 17.)

"A place at the table — simply being there — is necessarily changing it. My very presence is in your face."

—Former TV star, out lesbian and newly elected California Assemblymember Sheila James Kuehl on her presence in the legislature. (See feature on page 9.)

"The Constitution doesn't say anything about gays... It gives us the freedom of speech, it gives us the freedom of association. It gives us other freedoms as long as the expression of those freedoms does not do any harm to anybody else. Now that's a great thing to remember because I know there are people even today that want to question in this country whether or not we should be nice to people who are gay. I think that we should."

— 1964 Republican presidential candidate and former senator Barry Goldwater Dec. 4 as he received the Arizona Civil Liberties Union's "Civil Libertarian of the Year" award for speaking out on abortion and the military gay ban.

"I'm an honorary gay by now."

— Goldwater

"My position has always been that on homosexuality our position should be neither repression nor promotion. It should be tolerance — that as a general principle, you shouldn't ask people about their private bedroom behavior. I'm opposed to first-graders being taught about 'Heather Has Two Mommies' and other gay-rights facts, but I'm also opposed to have sex policed in the YMCA bathroom... I think your private sexual behavior should be private, period. I'm against any law which gives you legal status based on your sexual behavior."

—Incoming Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Homosexuals exist and are not going away. Any policy insisting that homosexuals lead lives of loveless celibacy or furtive secrecy is futile and inhumane, to say nothing of unrealistic. Because fewer and

fewer homosexuals are willing to hide, the old deal — homosexuals pretending to be heterosexual and heterosexuals pretending to believe them — is off."

—Author Jonathan Rauch writing in *The Wall Street Journal*.

"[OutRage will use outing] where a person is colluding with gay oppression, harming the gay community, either actively or by omission — this suggests that they are in a position of power, not private individuals. ... We retain the right to do this if someone is fucking with our community."

—Activist Fernando Guasch explaining the recent vote by the London direct-action group OutRage to embrace outing, to Capital Gay.

"As per your specific question in regard to masturbation, I think that is something that is a part of human sexuality and it's a part of something that perhaps should be taught."

—The words that got U.S. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders fired by President Clinton. At an AIDS conference, a member of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues told Elders he masturbated and asked her what the prospects were for "a more explicit discussion and promotion of masturbation" as a means of avoiding AIDS.

"I was saying we need to address all issues related to sexuality and teach our children what's normal behavior, not teach them masturbation... that's not something you need to teach anybody."

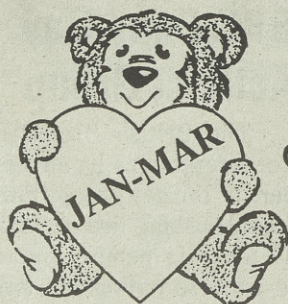
— Elders to ABC's "Nightline."

"I really felt that all of the comments I made were true... I don't feel that I should start second-guessing myself today... I really think I was talking about teaching children about, you know, that nothing terrible will happen to them if they play with themselves. I was talking about information."

— Elders on NBC's "Today" show.

"I think at some point the president is entitled to have people in certain positions who agree with him and who don't differ from the policy positions and the personal convictions of the president... There have been a number of things where we just have had different positions."

— President Clinton.



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Out, Proud and Unafraid, Lesbian Legislator Takes Her Seat at the Table

by Michael R. Gorman

I'm learning that humor and candor are two characteristics of the new Assemblywoman from Santa Monica which are impossible to suppress. Even some of her ideological adversaries in Sacramento are already noticing. She told of one right wing politician who shared a laugh with her and then looked disturbed as if remembering that he isn't supposed to like lesbians.

Considering Sheila Kuehl's likability, that politician won't be the last to face that little personal dilemma. In fact, Kuehl considers her "being out and being there" as two of her most powerful tools for social change.

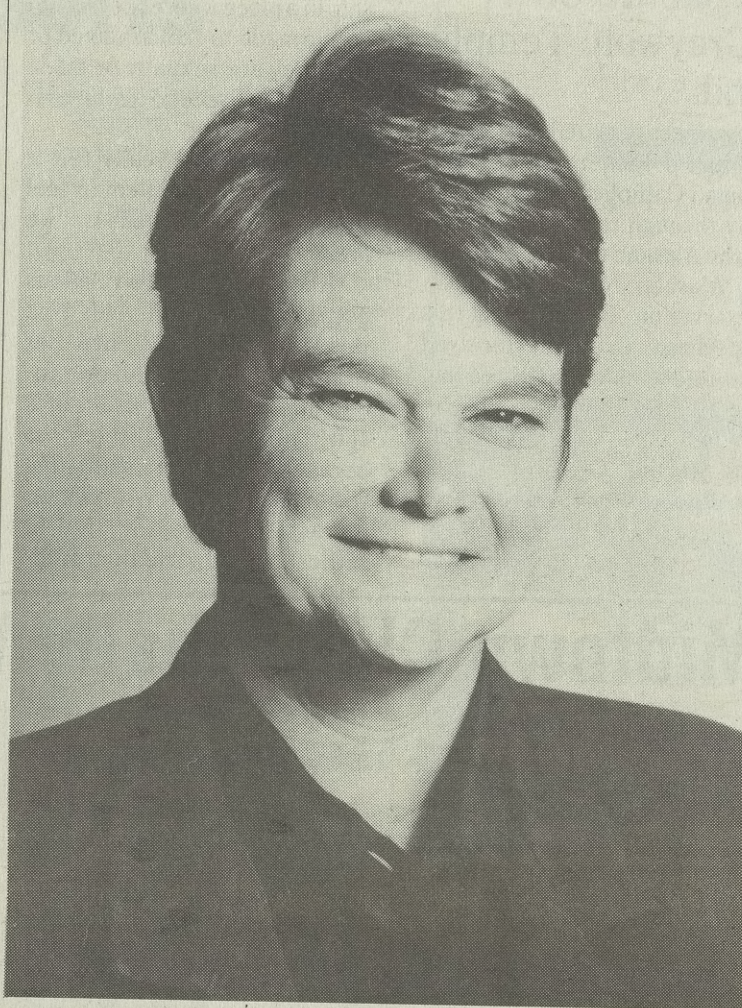
Prior to her political career, Kuehl was best known for her work as an actress. In 1950-56 she played Jackie Erwin in the first filmed television show "Trouble With Father." In 1959, as a student at UCLA, she began doing the Dobie Gillis television series playing Zelda. She did one more series, "Broadside" before the network started plans for her own series. After they filmed the pilot, the studio execs anticipated a certain hit. Plans for that show ended when the president of CBS described Sheila as "a little too butch." Kuehl was certain that the studio had discovered her sexuality and that the phrase was a euphemism for "lesbian."

After her television career ended, Kuehl returned to UCLA to work. In the late 60's she became an advisor to many of the most radical student groups on campus: the Students for a Democratic Society, the Progressive Labor Party, the Women's Liberation Front, the Black Student Union.

"I had to try to develop a philosophy of governance that would help them accomplish the social critique roles that they wanted to have. And they also were very adamant and very clear about injustice. Though my generation was not very interested in justice, I became very steeped in the notion that a lot had to be done in society."

Kuehl left UCLA in 1975 to enter Harvard Law School. After earning her degree in 1979, she returned to Los Angeles and practiced family law. In 1985 she was invited to join the faculty of Loyola University. She left in 1989 to co-found the California Women's Law Center with Abby Liebman. In 1993 she began a new phase of her career, traveling around the country training judges, lawyers, and others about domestic violence. In 1994, when Terry Friedman (sponsor of numerous gay-positive bills including AB101) decided not to run again, Sheila stepped in to carry the torch.

ISSUE: Was your decision to run for office a culmination of a lot of experiences, or was it pre-



velop a political philosophy that tended more toward the progressive than the conservative."

ISSUE: Do you consider yourself in a unique position considering the current situation in politics?

"I wish to make that hope public, that we will not have any more displays of homophobic rhetoric on the floor..."

cipitated by any one thing in particular?

SK: It was a culmination. Even when I was in college, from '59 to '63 at UCLA, I was in student government, and I was really fascinated by the notion that someone had to develop an approach to governance, to social policy that worked well either for a large part of the population or only for small groups of the population. I began to de-

SK: It's not as unique as it may seem. The conservatives are trying to create the impression that they have a vast mandate and a vast majority, but I think that this is only their part of the pendulum. Frankly, I think that there is a 60% middle ground that I call the Clinton/Wilson Voters who provide a majority in any election based on what is noisiest in their psyche at the moment: whether they're most afraid or most

hopeful or most filled with hatred."

ISSUE: Can you tell us a little bit about your coming out?

SK: Well it's a process, as you know, and a very long process. I was in a relationship with a woman when I was in college. As a matter of fact, I was kicked out of my sorority when they found letters from her to me. I was totally in the closet.

But then when I went to law school in the 70's, there was a more welcoming atmosphere. There were a number of people who were out, including the woman I fell madly in love with. During my relationship with her, I began to tell my family and to tell my friends. It was pretty private, not by design but because there was no reason that anybody would care.

When I became the president of the Women Lawyers Association in Los Angeles, at my swearing-in dinner in '86, I introduced Torie Osborne as my partner. Of course, I was the first person to ever do such a thing. It got into the legal newspapers, as I knew it would.

Then in '90 my friend Dick Sargent (the second Darren from the television show "Bewitched") decided he wanted to come out. Wilson had vetoed AB101. Dick was very angry and wanted to see if there was anything he could do. He called and asked if I would facilitate his coming out publicly. He came to a rally at the center which I MC'ed, and then we both went on Entertainment Tonight, Good Morning America, and Geraldo. From that point on it was a national coming out for me.

ISSUE: When you first came to Sacramento after your election, you immediately introduced yourself to some of the most conservative legislators. Can you tell me about that?

SK: One of the virtues of my being there is that I must be dealt with as a human being and as a colleague. I thought that the easiest way to diffuse any tension was to simply go shake hands with everybody. David Knowles was on the top of my list, so I went over on the floor and introduced myself and said that since we would be working together I assumed that the rules of collegiality would apply. I was attempting to intimate that it is my hope, and I wish to make that hope public, that we will not have any more displays of homophobic rhetoric on the floor.

So far no one has been anything but cordial to me. Jim Brulte (the Republican who tied with Willie Brown in the speakership vote) came into my office Thursday morning and said with a smile, "If you're gay, how come my guys like you so much?" I think they're a little nonplussed.

ISSUE: Given the conservative gains in the last election, where do you see the state of the gay rights movement?

SK: I think the gay rights movement has to keep its own direction. It has to continue to articulate its own concerns no matter who's in power. I don't think that it is wise to adjust an agenda depending on who is in power. It is wiser to articulate the fair and just position. We

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Greywolf Temple of the Open Mind

Creating a Safe Space to Be Spiritual and Gay

by Celeste Brown

Nestled in a quiet suburb of Sacramento is Greywolf Temple of the Open Mind.

Co-founded this past September '94 by Reggie Greywolf and Sunny Bell, the Temple is committed to being an open forum of spirited discussion and fellowship for the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities.

Reggie Greywolf serves as the minister and counselor for the Temple. Her background and

experience is varied; raised by a Baptist preacher father and a Roman Catholic mother all the way through to a nursing stint in the Alaskan tundra "bush" on an Alaskan Native American Reservation. It was during this experience Greywolf received her totem name, after saving the life of a child.

When asked why the Temple was started, Greywolf states that she was inspired to create "a place where lesbians, gays, and bisexuals (as well as

straights) could come, meet together, be themselves to worship in a place where they would not be made to feel ashamed of who they are sexually or made to feel like second class citizens."

She adds, "We really felt it was important for them to feel they are special, because we are!"

Although raised in a religious potpourri, Greywolf feels that this experience hastened her own spiritual path, and eventually intensified the vision of a spiritual open forum, which was accessible and accommodating for everyone. After serving as an assistant pastor in her father's church, she then stud-



Reggie Greywolf and Sunny Bell at a recent Temple gathering.

ied with the Church of God, and followed this training with 6 yrs of training with the Humanist Church. Greywolf has also combined spiritual training with in-

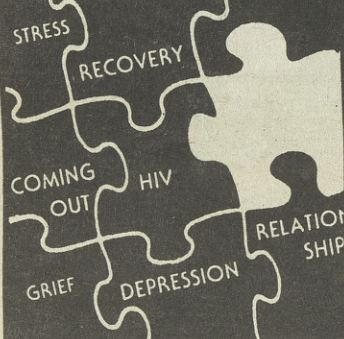
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Midtown Club Finally Wins Dance Permit

by Stan Carlsen

Webster's Dictionary defines a mirage as "something illusory and unattainable." After two years of struggling with neighbors and with City Hall over the granting of a limited weekend dance permit, bar owner Valerie Marlow may want to change the name of the Mirage to some-

thing that reflects the new happy reality.

Marlow first applied for a dance permit when she purchased the property at 15th and F Streets in January 1993. She requested a permit that would allow dancing Thursday through Sunday until 1:45 a.m. "I didn't think it was a big deal, but I was rudely awakened,"

she told the *Sacramento Bee* in an interview printed in the Jan. 5 *Neighbors* section.

According to *Neighbors* staff writer Walt Yost, the police department opposed the dance permit because the previous tenant (Joe's Corner) had been a magnet for drug dealers and prostitution and loitering. Mansion Flats neighbors thought that the new bar would be like its predecessor.

Security guards, cameras and an expanded parking lot improved the corner business to the point that noise complaints have been nonexistent. Marlow actively took part in neighborhood meetings where she handed out her phone number, "If there was a problem, they could call me," she said.

In December of 1993, Marlow was granted a permit for dancing on Saturdays from the hours of 6 to 11 p.m. only. In June, a temporary agreement was reached to allow for dancing

until 1 a.m. on Saturdays. Then, on December 20, upon the expiration of the permit. The Mirage was allowed to expand dancing to Friday and Saturdays until 1 a.m., and on Sundays until 9 p.m. Because of the shorter hours on Sunday, Marlow plans an afternoon tea-dance format for that day each week.

The owner hopes that dancing will encourage weekend business, which has been weak. "We have good crowds on Tuesday through Thursday nights," she said, "because of the pool league and the just-ended dart season."

The fact that the bar caters to the gay community was never brought up in the Bee interview or in the numerous city planning meetings that Marlow attended. "I didn't avoid the issue," says Marlow, "but in retrospect, I think that would have slowed an already long and expensive process."

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The Russian River Resort Area was devastated in early January by flood waters that claimed the town of Guerneville and the surrounding areas of Monte Rio and parts of Sebastopol.

The Russian River crested at 47.5 feet on Tuesday, Jan. 10 bringing back memories for residents and business owners of the Valentines Day Flood in 1986. That year the river rose to 48.9 feet. Nearly all of the area's residents were forced to evacuate and some were airlifted out by National Guard helicopters.

Muddy water and debris filled the streets of Guerneville as residents and business owners

struggled to save their belongings and livelihoods.

Some of the area's gay resorts including Fifes and the Highland Dell Inn were hard hit. Completely covered in river water and mud, the resorts will have a daunting job ahead to repair and recoup the incredible loss of property.

Governor Pete Wilson declared a state of emergency due to the flooding in 24 counties including Sonoma, Mendocino,

Lake and Humboldt.

Sonoma County Supervisor Jim Harberson said he expects the losses to exceed those from the 1986 flood, perhaps by 25 percent or more. County administrators estimate the figure to be close to \$20.5 million.

The strength of the people of the Russian River has repeatedly been tested and has proven to be enough to overcome the ravishes of flood. As a supporter of the Russian River Resort Area you can do your part.

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need to have civil rights no matter who is in office.

ISSUE: You made a statement at a gathering here in Sacramento that the gay political establishment should not marginalize groups like the drag queens and the leather crowd. Could you explain what you mean?

SK: Those in society who are homophobic attempt to characterize us as not normal. They point to those among us whose lifestyles are different from their own. The first response of our community has been to say, "Oh, well, let's throw those people out. Let's say they're not really us. We're good people and they're terrible people."

The first wave of any movement always looks more radical, sounds more radical, looks different in lifestyle than the vast majority of people in that group. People who were sitting in at lunch counters in the South were severely criticized as be-

ing too rude, too forward, too antagonistic by other members of the Black community.

In the 60's if you wore a dashiki or had an afro, people were very concerned. People who wanted to look more normal and be accepted would say, "Well, don't pay any attention to those radical people who dress funny and have funny hairdos." And yet those were exactly the people who were articulating the need for diversity.

I think in our community it would be a big mistake to say, "Well, we're perfectly nice, but they're terrible," because by doing that we ratify the "us and them" mentality that has operated against us. If we ratify that mentality, I think we lose the larger battle.

ISSUE: Have you received any flack from the religious right during the campaign or since?

SK: No. As a matter of fact, there was a very curious quote by Lou Sheldon in the New York Times. They did a rather nice interview/feature with me not too long ago, and felt constrained to call Reverend Sheldon to ask him for a quote. He said essentially, "She has a perfect right to run for office. Anybody can. But, as the Bible says, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' I say, can anything good come out of Santa Monica?"

I asked my friends in the Fight The Right movement to look up that quote for me, and apparently...

ISSUE: It was used against Jesus!

SK: That's right! And the answer is "Come and see! For here is an Israelite with no guile." It's in the context of saying there's this wonderful new rabbi (Jesus from Nazareth) who is preaching, and I think he may be the one that Moses was talking about.

And I thought, I can't believe that Lou Sheldon might be com-

paring me favorably to the Lord! That goes beyond what even I would hope for. Quite the opposite from flack, that's about all I've gotten.

ISSUE: Being compared to Jesus.

SK: I was a little stunned. Especially the part about the Israelite with no guile. Maybe he meant I was a politician with no guile.

ISSUE: What would be your message to the religious right?

SK: I would divide the religious right into two sections: the very cynical leaders who I don't think are actually homophobic but are using our community as a great fundraising tool, and would be just as willing to use any other community, as long as they can crystalize hatred against them. People of color, children: I don't know who it will be next, but when one fundraising ploy fails they'll move on to the next thing. The other group though, more sincerely have animosity and concern about us and our morality. And I would say to those sincere Christians that they would do well to attempt to reach out and at least have a dialogue with us. I think that they would find, as so many of the organized religious have, that we are deeply religious, many of us, and that we are not immoral, and that their prejudice is being manipulated by these other cynical people in a way that I don't think they should allow.

ISSUE: Do you have any specific plans yet for pursuing your goals legislatively?

SK: In Massachusetts they have established a "right to exist" for students to identify themselves any way they want to on campus and have the school protect them from prejudice on any basis. I'd like to explore having some of the same protections for all students in our schools. I want to continue exploring anti-discrimination laws so that we will be well protected in the workplace. And even though the environment may not be particularly friendly, I would like to continue exploring domestic partnership protection.

ISSUE: What about some of the other hot statewide issues: immigration, three strikes you're out?

SK: I opposed three strikes in the form that it was on the ballot because it included too many non-violent crimes. I don't

think that's what my constituents had in mind.

ISSUE: The numbers seem to indicate that we're going to pay for that real quickly.

SK: I go to schools and I tell them forget it; unless we do something real quickly, I don't know what we're going to be able to do for children. I'm hoping that we can craft some new, non-incarceration solutions, at least for juveniles.

I will be active in trying to

gender people are a part of this movement.

This movement is about discrimination against people who do not meet gender expectations. Inclusion is important. We shouldn't get rid of them because we're embarrassed about transsexuals because we don't know where they fit or bisexuals because they occasionally have "heterosexual privilege." Well they're still discriminated against if they decide to be gay.

I want to continue exploring anti-discrimination laws so that we will be well protected in the workplace.

craft a message about affirmative action. The proposed constitutional amendment, the upcoming initiative to try to do away with affirmative action needs to be countered in a way that helps people understand what affirmative action is. Just as with immigration, affirmative action is being demonized for things that it doesn't actually do. I want to be active in trying to have a more intelligent dialogue.

ISSUE: How do the bisexual and transgender communities, two groups that tend to be marginalized, fit into your agenda?

SK: I think it's a mistake in our movement to marginalize them. It's a sort of "well, I'm REALLY gay and you're not, so you can't be in my movement." I think we need to hear very clearly the message of our young activists. If you talk to the activists on our college campuses they are adamant about this, that bisexuals and trans-

I don't care if you're full-time or part-time, you still suffer from discrimination.

ISSUE: I like that. So many of your statements are so good, I can't decide which ones to bold out.

SK: Do all of them.

ISSUE: There won't be room.

SK: Then use more inches.

ISSUE: I'll just have to tell my publisher, "Shiela says I have to use more inches, something I can relate to personally."

SK: (laughter) I chose the term with great care.

ISSUE: Does this mean you include size queens in your political agenda?

SK: (laughter)

ISSUE: Well, we are certainly glad to have you here in Sacramento working for us.

SK: I do my best. As I say, I think some of the homophobes are a little nonplussed. They shake their heads and say, "Wait! I didn't want to like her!"

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In May 1994, Greywolf met Sunny Bell and was delighted to find a like-minded spiritual and life partner. Bell now serves as the music director, public relations, and administrator.

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The AIDS File

Proposition 184 - Three Strikes and You're Dead

by Bruce Mirken

Whatever else happens, it is clear that at least one sector of the economy will be booming for the next several years at least: The prison industry.

The latest wave of lock-them-up-and-throw-away-the-key fervor hit a new high with this November's election. The newly-dominant congressional Republicans are already chirping that last summer's draconian crime bill -- with a slough of new federal crimes and mandatory sentences -- wasn't tough enough. Longer sentences and reduced rights of appeal are the answer, they tell us, and all indications are that they have the votes to make them happen.

Meanwhile, here in California, voters passed a constitutional amendment known as Proposition 184 that effectively chisels in stone what is surely the dumbest statute this state ever enacted, the infamous "three strikes, you're out" law. Now we're going to be locking up bad check writers, petty thieves and tens of thousands of other minor, nonviolent criminals for 25 years to life -- and doubling our prison population in just a few years.

If you don't believe this is utterly insane social policy, think about this: Since South Africa became democratic and freed its political prisoners, the United States has reigned unchallenged as the nation that locks up more of our population than any other on earth. Soon we'll have more of our people locked up than any nation since Nazi Germany.

The futility of using cops and jails to solve complex social problems like drug addiction

(many of our new inmates are locked up for nonviolent drug crimes) would be bad enough. But lurking under the surface of America's prison boom is an ugly little secret:

AIDS.

Consider this: If you wanted to design an environment to be a breeding ground for HIV infection, what would you do?

Welcome to America's prison industry, and to the next wave of the AIDS epidemic.

Most likely, you'd take a bunch of people who for the most part have already had pretty fucked-up lives to begin with -- many of whom have already engaged in high-risk activities -- and lock them up in close, crowded, stressful conditions. You'd deny them any sort of safe, allowable sexual outlet so they'd have no choice but to act out their sexual tensions on each other, either consensually or through rape. And you'd deny them access to condoms. Soon enough, new HIV infections would be rampant.

Welcome to America's prison industry, and to the next wave of the AIDS epidemic.

In an excellent examination of the problem of HIV in prisons that recently appeared in *Frontiers*, writer Rich Grzesiak points to a Nebraska study in which 14 percent of the states

inmate's had been sexually assaulted. In research by Dr. Wayne S. Wooden of California Polytechnic Institute at Pomona, percent of inmates acknowledged having sex with other men in prison.

Prison overcrowding, Wooden told Grzesiak, is a major contributor to the prevalence of sexual assault. Cells designed for one or two prisoners now hold three or four, with no let-up in sight. Even with massive new prison construction planned, the best officials hope for is that overcrowding won't get much worse. "With 'three strikes' being applied as a sentencing policy," Wooden

out of a total prison population of 126,000. But that number only includes those who either admit to being positive or who have shown clinical symptoms of HIV disease. Everyone remotely knowledgeable about the situation agrees the real number must be considerably higher, a pattern which likely holds true in many other states as well. And it will get worse.

While overcrowding is likely to worsen the problem of prison rape, those who have consensual relationships are doomed to practicing unsafe sex because condoms are banned in all but a tiny handful of America's prisons and jails.

The logic used by prison authorities is as impeccable as it is futile: Sex in prison is forbidden, and generally illegal. Therefore, distributing condoms would put prison authorities in the position of abetting an illegal act, something they could never do. End of story.

But has anybody stopped to consider the consequences of locking up a couple of million people in conditions where the rapid spread of HIV is not only

possible but virtually guaranteed? Apparently no. One would think that conservatives, even if they don't care about the human tragedy, might be moved by the fiscal implications. The thousands of inmates who will become infected in the next few years will be cared for almost entirely at taxpayers' expense.

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Movies

Some Little Women and Boys On The Side

by Chris Narloch

People who complain about the current state of movies invariably whine, "They don't make 'em like they used to!," referring to the golden age of Hollywood in the 30's and 40s. Those people should see "Little Women," Gillian Armstrong's gorgeous new production of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel about faith and family.

This fourth version of the story of the self-reliant March family stars Winona Ryder, and if her performance was the only thing going for it, that would be reason enough to see the film. As Jo, the feisty heroine and would-be writer of Alcott's book, Ryder finally fulfills her potential as an actress. She's

luminous in an excellent cast that includes Susan Sarandon (as Marmee, the mother), and Trini Alvarado, Kirsten Dunst, Samantha Mathis and Claire Danes as Jo's sisters.

With their father away at war -- the time is the 1860s, the place New England -- the poor but proud March women must

fend for themselves. The story is about how a strong family unit can weather any storm, whether it be disease, death or simply fighting over boyfriends. The Marches are moral without ever being sickening, and in the hands of director Armstrong and the superb cast, "Little Women" casts a spell over the audience that is, not surprisingly, like reading a good book.

At the end of the movie, I felt like I had spent time with old friends, that's how expertly the ensemble of actresses works together. Gillian Armstrong and her production team provide the movie with an exquisite look that reminded me at times of "Gone With The Wind." The interiors have a beautiful, burnished look, and when the girls' carriage careens through the eerie, blue snow, it looks so pure you can almost taste it.



Sophia Loren in Robert Altman's "Ready to Wear."

"Little Women" is dedicated to Polly Klaas, the Petaluma girl who was murdered in 1993, and whose favorite book it was. Winona Ryder's clout got the movie made, and its delicate beauty is a fitting tribute to Klaas.

Boys On The Side

Whoopi Goldberg plays a lesbian in her latest flick, a story of female bonding that is altogether different from "Little Women." Goldberg is a struggling singer hoping for her big break who teams up with Mary-Louise Parker and Drew Barrymore in a cross-country road trip that is a little too reminiscent of "Thelma and Louise."

Barrymore plays a bottle-blond airhead on the run from a crime she didn't commit while Parker is a real estate agent who turns out to have AIDS. Much of the plot derives from their problems with men, which gives Goldberg ample opportunity to flex her sarcastic wit at the expense of the poor guys who cross her path. There's too much plot, and much of it is unbelievable, but Goldberg rises above her material once again and creates an original and realistic gay woman.

This is a strange film that probably won't go over with

mainstream audiences. Several scenes involve Goldberg serenading Parker (seems she has a habit of falling for straight women), and they're so emotionally naked I was stunned to see them in a slick, studio film. You have to hand it to Goldberg for having the guts to take this part -- it's not much of a movie, but she gives it a quiet and sincere dignity.

Ready to Wear

Whatever they call it -- "Ready To Wear" or "Pret-A-Porter" -- it's still a dud, and that's a shame because Robert Altman's new movie has a great cast and a great idea, to skewer high fashion with low comedy. The slimmest of plots (something about a murder, I think) can't conceal Altman's disdain for his subject matter: almost everyone is a buffoon, and there is no respect for the artistry and passion that goes into the crazy (and admittedly pretentious) Paris fashion circus.

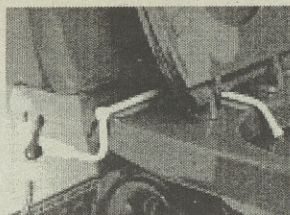
It is fun to see several legends of the silver screen turn up, like Sophia Loren (who looks so great she wipes co-star Julia Roberts right off the screen), but the whole affair goes stale fast, and the witty, wonderful ending is too little, too late.

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Music

The Return of the Diva

by Bill Peterson

If one of your Yuletide gifts was a membership in the diva-of-the-month club, your first month's choice may be a bit difficult, with strong releases by three soulful women—Vanessa Williams, Chante Moore and Dionne Farris.

Most well-known of the trio is Vanessa Williams, with her third album, *The Sweetest Days*. Sporting a casual, cashmere look on the cover, Williams slows the pace down and croons through a dozen classy ballads, with help from Babyface and Sting.

As on Madonna's latest, two of the strongest tunes are courtesy of Babyface, the acoustic guitar embellished "Betcha Never," and the hook-filled "You Can't Run" — "Show me a heart that doesn't die for love/I'll show you an empty man inside." With "Ellamental," Williams espouses her admiration for Ella Fitzgerald in a credo that also speaks for her own aspirations — "She brought emotions and moves/She kept the spirit alive/ She spoke her mind." With her sterling delivery and solid choice of songs, the artistic step forward of *The Sweetest Days* suggests that Williams has her sights set on the kind of longevity that Fitzgerald has enjoyed.

Next in line for the sultry diva-of-the-month is Chante Moore with *A Love Supreme*,



Dionne Farris.

a fourteen song suite that follows Moore from dreaming of love through getting the real thing, all the while flexing vocal chops that occasionally reach some Mariah-esque heights. Opening with "Searchin," Moore lays down the foundation of the universal search — "Tell me again why I'm alone/Am I too choosy or is a good man hard to find?" and then, on song six, proclaims to her good man — "Your Love's Supreme." Highlighted by a medley cover of Deniece Williams' "Free," and

Lionel Richie's "Sail On," her rich, wide-ranging voice provides a smooth choice for make-out time music.

I sure hope you're still reading, because the most exciting diva this month is ex-Arrested Development member Dionne Farris, whose solo debut, *Wild Seed*, *Wild Flower* blows her former band mates' latest album out of the water.

With a credo of "Before I am black/Before I am women/Before I am short/Before I am young/Before I am African/I am human," Farris' tunes revolve around equality and respect. Opening with the surging guitar and rhythm of "I Know" and continuing through over a dozen tunes, Farris continually surprises and impresses with her fluid vocals and gutsy playing.

Her collaboration with Lenny Kravitz, "Stop to Think," which samples his "Freedom Train" and a Muddy Waters tune, works up a sweat as does "Don't Ever Touch Me (Again)," while Farris exorcises some ghosts on the direct, yet diplomatic kiss-off to Arrested Development — "I'm so glad time and space was shared together/Songs were sung and laughter filled the air/ But just as life is long, we must move on/ And chart our own course to the rising sun."

With her sparse cover of the Beatles' "Blackbird," Farris' vocals show us all just why those early Arrested Development tunes caught our ears in the first place!

50 words or less:

Nirvana:

MTV Unplugged in New York

Surely you've tired of this year's Kurt Cobain post-tragedy idolation... this set, seen endlessly on MTV, strips Nirvana's tunes down from their "grunge" trimmings, turning the spotlight on Cobain's biting lyrics, plaintive singing and solid songwriting. Listen to "Something in the Way" or "All Apolo-

gies" if you still don't understand his growing legendary status.

Soundtrack for Pret-a-Porter:

Perfect for your own-at-home fashion shows, this collects tunes from Miss Janet, the Stones, M People, U2 as well as Sam Phillips great remake of "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'" and Ini Kamoze's number one "Here Comes the Hotstepper" and brings memo-

ries of the Altman film.

Dan Hartman:

Keep the Fire Burnin'

Opening with a hi-NRG duet with Loleatta Holloway, this best of tracks the career of yet another talent lost to AIDS. From his "I Can Dream About You" to the James Brown "Living in America", Hartman's work is familiar if not indelible.

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JANUARY 17

Sacramento Chapter Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way (corner of Lusk.) in Sacramento. Topic: The need for suicide prevention among gay youth. For more info call (916) 978-0410.

Alcoholics Anonymous - will no longer meet at the Clunie Clubhouse at McKinley Park but will now meet at the "Lambda Community Center" every Tuesday night from 8-9:15 p.m. and Sundays from 11 am to 12:15 p.m. This is a gay and lesbian AA meeting.

JANUARY 18

Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance - will meet at 7 p.m. at Carrows Restaurant, J & 28th. The main topic will be Bob Steves discussing "If It Doesn't Grow Corn". There is no charge to guests at their first meeting. For more info call (916) 863-9733.

JANUARY 20

Hamburger Mary's Great Junk Party, 7p.m. - 1 a.m. Bring a great junk item to help decorate Mary's and get a Drink Special card. (Fruitcakes, Thighmasters and Salad Shooters excluded.) Call 441-4340 for more details

JANUARY 21

2nd Annual Bear Chest Contest at the Wreck Room, 11 p.m. Produced by the Valley Bears.

Neo Natal Night - will be the kick off celebration for "qHS prn" a new social and networking organization for Gay and Lesbian Health Care Professional of Central California. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Capitol Plaza Hall's Silver Room, 1025 Ninth Street, Sacramento. It is open to all gay and lesbian health care professionals and student health care professionals in central California. For more info call (916) 454-9136.

Lambda Letters Project - annual membership meeting will be held at 9 a.m. The meeting will feature a review of past accomplishments and discussion of future plans for the project. The 1995 budget will be approved. For more info call (916) 965-6851.

JANUARY 26

Being Gay Today, Channel 17 features Momentum for the HRCF and Outlook from

the Bay Area. 10p.m. Also Fridays at 4 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m.

JANUARY 27

Comedy Night featuring Bay Area's Amy Boyd and Sabrina Mathews at Jammin Jo's Sports and Dance Bar. For more info call (916) 457-7888.



Second Wind performs for the SACWN Valentine's Dance Feb. 11.

JANUARY 28

Marie Cartier reads from her book, "I am Your Daughter, Not Your Lover," at Lioness Books, 6 p.m. Call 442-4657 for more details.

JANUARY 29

Super Bowl Party at Jammin Jo's with special half-time entertainment. Call 457-7888 for more details.

FEBRUARY 3

Camping Women - We have some great trips being planned for 1995. Come join us for Pizza Night at the Round Table Pizza, 4949 Marconi Ave., Marconi & Walnut. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. For more info call (916) 689-9326.

FEBRUARY 4

The Sacramento Men's Chorus and the Camellia Orchestra perform "Courage" at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N Street, 8 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 students /seniors. Call 441-5188 for tickets.

Imperial Crown Ball at Turn Verien Hall, 3349 J Street, 7 p.m. \$10.

FEBRUARY 6

Capitol AIDS Walk '95 - Committee meet-

ing, volunteers welcome! 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., SAF, 920 20th St., 2nd Floor. For more info call Georgia Maring, (916) 448-2437.

Project Toxin Volunteer - Recruitment meeting at Lambda Center at 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10

Sports and Dance Bar. Call 457-7888 for more info.

FEBRUARY 11

Michael Himovitz Gallery - reception for the Artists at 6-8 p.m. featuring Gun Show: Artists' Interpretations of Guns and Alan Carrier: "Jesse at the Helm" mixed-media assemblage. 1020 Tenth Street, Sacramento. For more info call (916) 448-8723.

The Mr. Sacramento Valley Leather 1995 Contest - will be held in Clyde's Den at the Wreck Room, at 2513 Broadway Sacramento at 9 p.m. \$5 cover. Proceeds will benefit a local charity. For more info and contestant application contact the S.L.A. at (916) 863-3398.

Second Wind - will perform at the "Melody Of Love" Valentine Dance - sponsored by SACWN, 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. An event for women 21 and over.

FEBRUARY 17

Comic, Marilyn Pitman performs at Jammin Jo's, call 457-7888 for more details.

FEBRUARY 18

Sacramento AIDS Foundation Fundraising Night - Sacramento Kings vs Los Angeles Clippers at Arco Arena, 7:30 p.m. The Kings supply \$13 tickets for \$5 and The Sacramento AIDS Foundation earns the proceeds. Names Project Quilt will be on display throughout the entire evening. For Tickets call (916) 928-3653.

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JANUARY 18

Stand-up Actress Lisa Kron performs at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint, 3583 16th Street, 8 p.m. Through Jan. 29.

JANUARY 26

Radical Women Meeting, at Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia Street. Dinner at 6:45 p.m. (\$5 donation) meeting begins at 7:30. (415) 864-1278.

JANUARY 28

"Cabaret '95," a benefit for the MCC HIV Program, 8 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer's Bingo Hall, 110 Diamond Street. Produced by Mr. International Cheeks and Chaps, Brian Gronlund. \$10. Ticket are available at Different Light Bookstore. Call (415) 863-4434 for more info.

FEBRUARY 18

Queer Lit Conference - More than 80 authors are set to read their work and speak their minds at A Different Light Bookstore's second Readers & Writers literary conference at the Women's Building located on 18th near Valencia. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (415) 431-0891.

FEBRUARY 20

Carol Burnett, dancer Bill T. Jones - baritone Thomas Hampson and others will join local arts organizations for "Classical Action: A Concerted Effort Against AIDS,". The concert will be held at 8 p.m. at Davies Symphony Hall. All proceeds will benefit local AIDS service agencies. Call (415) 864-6000.

Feature

Lesbian Colonel's Story Stirs Up Controversy

by Chris Narloch

NBC is set to unveil another lesbian kiss on national television (the first since Roseanne did it) on Feb. 6 when the network airs its controversial, new movie, "Serving In Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story."

Cammermeyer is the highest-ranking officer ever to be discharged from the U.S. military because of sexual orientation.

The high-profile film, produced by Barbra Streisand, stars Oscar nominees Glenn Close and Judy Davis, and it has already drawn the wrath of a group that bills itself as promoting "traditional family values."

The two-hour made-for-T.V. movie is based on the true story of Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who admitted to the military that she is a lesbian during a top-secret security-clearance interview -- and that disclosure set in motion a public battle that led to her discharge from the Army in 1992. Cammermeyer was an Army nurse with 25 years of service and a Bronze star earned in Vietnam when she applied for the job of chief nurse of the

National Guard in 1989. She had no idea that she was about to make history.

Caught in a media spotlight, the intensely private soldier found herself at the front lines of a very public human-rights battle, fighting to be reinstated in the military, to which she had dedicated her life. At risk was not only Cammermeyer's 25-year military career, but the love of her sons, the respect of her friends and colleagues and the newly discovered relationship with the first person she felt really understood her.

On July 4, 1988, when Cammermeyer and her sons were vacationing with friends in Oregon, she met Diane Divilbess (played by Davis in the film), an artist from Southern California who helped her to acknowledge her homosexuality. Their relationship and Cammermeyer's legal battles are the subjects of NBC's pro-

duction, which has already prompted calls for censorship of a scene in which co-stars Close and Davis kiss.

A New York-based group called the Family Defense Council is urging the network to remove the kissing scene. In a recent letter to NBC president Robert Wright, Family Defense Council chairman Howard Hurwitz condemned the movie. "We hope that you will see the lesbian kiss as promoting the acceptance of homosexual behavior," Hurwitz told Wright. "We urge that you eliminate the scene."

Hurwitz wrote that "the 'lesbian kiss' is already being hailed by radical homosexuals as winning acceptance for their lifestyle. It is one thing to tolerate the individual homosexual. It is another to accept the gay political agenda." He went on to say that the "gay political agenda" includes "demands for same-sex marriage and teaching school children that homosexuality is normal, healthy and an alternative to heterosexuality."

Richard Jennings, executive director of Hollywood Supports, the industry's clearinghouse for gay and AIDS issues, said "Serving In Silence" is "a long-awaited film. It's remarkable, and will be moving for a lot of people. It's the first gay hero to be depicted on television."

Of the Family Defense Council, Jennings said: "I think their name must be a total misnomer. Lesbians and gays are a part of America's families, and the idea that we can't be portrayed as expressing affection for one another simply because of our sexual orientation is the grossest kind of bigotry, which doesn't belong in families."

Hurwitz, a former principal at Long Island City High School, says that his 4-year-old organization has nearly 10,000 members. He has threatened a boycott of advertisers in an effort to get NBC to cut the scene in question.

Cammermeyer, meanwhile, has stated that she only wanted to be allowed to serve her country. She chose to go into the military because it offered, she says, "adventure and a sense of patriotic purpose, and it broke the female stereotype a little."

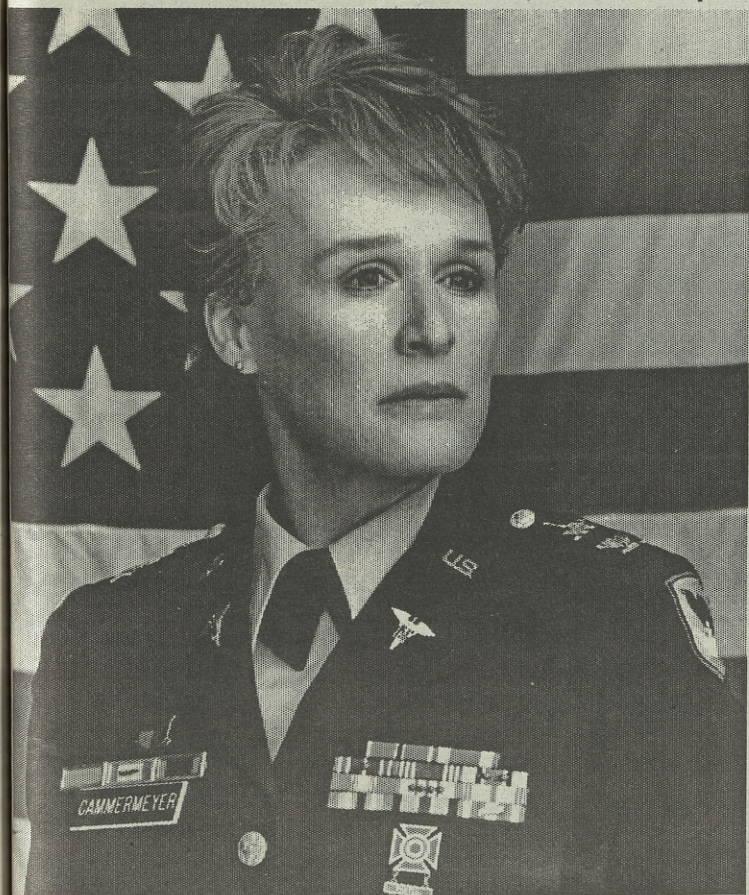


Judy Davis and Glenn Close in "Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story."

On June 1, 1994, a Seattle federal judge ordered the National Guard to reinstate Col. Cammermeyer, ruling that her discharge based on her sexual orientation was unconstitutional. While the Army files an appeal, Cammermeyer -- who resumed her duties as chief of nursing services for the 164th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital

-- has become an outspoken advocate of human rights, leading the national fight against the military's anti-gay ban. Her autobiography, "Serving in Silence," was published by Viking Press in November.

At press time, NBC still planned to run their movie of the Cammermeyer story with the lesbian kiss intact.



Glenn Close stars as Cammermeyer.



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COMMENTARY

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ing us with impunity?

Have we given Bette an answer yet?

Here is one possible reply that I heard from a gay friend of

mine in response to my attempted lawsuit against Yucaipa Joint Unified School District:

"Why are you doing this? It's over. Get on with your life. You aren't going to change anything. Homophobia has always been around and it always will be. It's

human nature to fear and hate what is different. You'd better learn to live with it."

Is this an excuse for inaction, or is it true? Are we fooling ourselves when we march, teach, lobby, protest, or come out? Is that why we are so quiet lately, because we have finally accepted the inevitability of homophobia? Is it a natural phenomenon that will not go away? Should we just get by as best we can under the circumstances? Maybe bitch a little at the next cocktail party?

Natural? Syphilis is a natural phenomenon, but I don't hear anyone counselling people to

learn to live with it. A poisonous snake bite is a natural phenomenon, but I don't hear anyone telling its victims to stop whining. Even so, I do not believe homophobia has even the rhetorical advantage of syphilis or snake bites. It is not natural. It is an aberration of nature created by environment. It is a learned behavior that festers over time into an illness. No one is born with it. Let me share an example that illustrates this, one of my favorite.

While teaching a workshop on folklore a few years back, I mentioned the tooth fairy. I asked the participants how they had pictured the tooth fairy as children. Most described a variation of Tinkerbell or The Blue Fairy. But one woman who had grown up in San Francisco described her tooth fairy as a handsome, well-groomed, gentle young man with a beautiful smile who kissed her on the cheek after taking her tooth and leaving the money. You see, once when she was very small, her father pointed out two men kissing on a street corner. He called them fairies.

Her father hated fairies and assumed she would be as disgusted as he. She is convinced that is why he did not take the time to teach her his bigotry there on the street. He assumed it was her natural tendency. It was not. She was not disgusted by kissing, nor by pretty men. When it came time to learn about the tooth fairy, she put two and two together. Fairies are not only beautiful and gentle, they are generous. (She told me later that her view has not changed about either kind of fairy.)

Homophobia is as foreign a concept to children as racism or ageism. In most cases it is also a tenuous belief even after it is embraced. Once educated by association with those who are brave enough to be out, most people abandon their bigotry.

If we are ever going to defeat the scourge of anti-gay hatred

we must stop believing the lie. We must stop looking at homophobia as a part of the natural order. It is not. It is an distortion. It is a sickness. It is a fully curable plague that kills its prey from the outside and it's adherents from the inside. It destroys the safety of the homosexual and the soul of the homophobe. We have the cure. Why do we hold back?

Yes, homophobia is "the way it is." But that does not mean that it is the way it always must be. At one time "the way it is" also included slavery, illiteracy, witch burning, sanctioned murder of Jews. Should we have learned to live with those things as well? Many said so.

Homophobia is a twisting of nature and affront to civilized intercourse. If it continues and spreads, it will not be from the power of the homophobe, but rather through the willingness of gays and lesbians to concede. In the past we could hide from responsibility through our own ignorance. But we have come too far and seen too much to do so now. Truth is powerful. Lies like homophobia only gain strength in the absence of truth. We hold the truth. It's our call.

Where is our anger? Look around us. Millions are being filled with an unnecessary fear. People are dying. Lives are being ruined. For what? For our right to stay comfortably in the closet and get by? For the hope that if we tell the right lies, they'll maybe leave us alone? For the illusion of safety in pretended heterosexuality? Do we really think we can keep lies at bay by adding our own lies? Are we so morally bankrupt that we would let these things go on when we hold the answer in our hands?

Yes, there is a risk in confronting the hatred. But there is a greater risk when we don't. We lose ourselves. Comfortable or not, that means we lose everything. I have known the suffocation of safety, and I choose the freedom of risk. It is the right thing to do.

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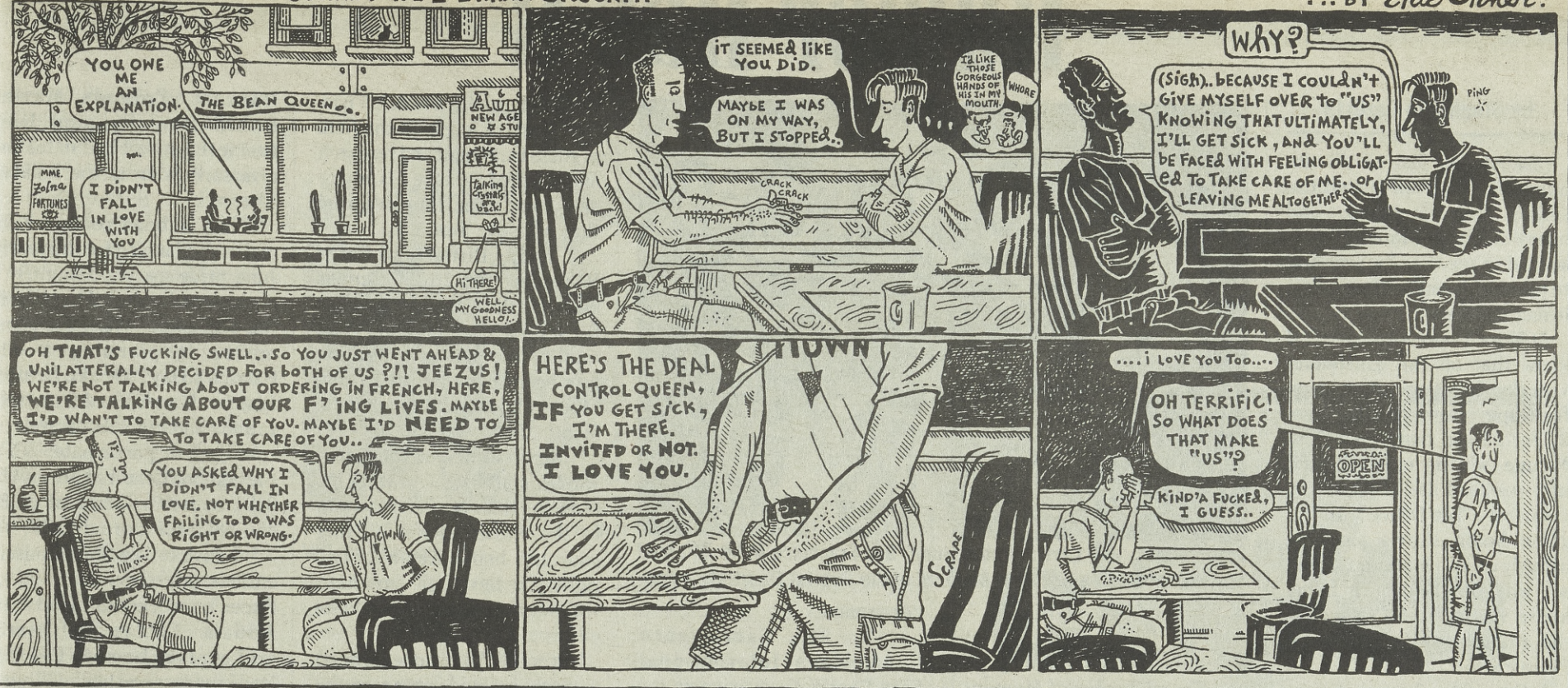
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Rumor Has It

by Stephanie Carlisle

Didn't you just LOVE the holiday? First we passed the turkey, then the eggnog, and now, the Pepto. Frankly, I'm oh so glad to see the new year and to put the old one to sleep... may it rest in peace.

* More reasons to party!... I know that all the community watering holes are gearing up for **Super Bowl Sunday** (Jan. 29 for all you non-fans). The **Mirage** will be exercising its new weekend dance permit by throwing a Tea Dance with the game being shown simultaneously on two monitors. I myself will take the game in at my house waiting to be visited by the Publishers Clearinghouse Prize Patrol!

* One of the best parties in town is the new "Venus Envy" Club that takes over Jammin Jo's every Saturday Night. Julie Marsh has brought together some fun Go Go Girls, (I mean women) and one of the hottest D.J.s in town Eddie Edul, to make the mix a wild energetic



Fred Palmer, Will Crews, Laura Dunn, San Francisco Mike, Michael Sartwell of Seattle and Kurt Masters at the Capital Quarterly event.

way to spend the night.

* Don't forget that Valentine's Day is coming up and Sherri Jordan of Moment of Touch has everything to make the most romantic night of the year a hot one. Including a new board game for lovers "Passion Play." It has versions for lesbians, gay men and heterosexual couples. Not to mention some of the hottest erotic vid-

eos around.

* The Sacramento Gay/Lesbian International Film Festival is gearing up for its fourth annual event. Needed are volunteers to get involved in this highly successful fundraiser. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at 7 p.m. Call (916) 442-5254 for further information.

* One of the big beneficiaries of the Film Fest's 1994 event is the AIDS Housing Alliance, which will be holding an Open House on Thursday January 12th. Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity's Iota Chapter, which ran the Film Festival, will be presenting a check at the AHA's Avalon Hospice.

* Dr. Neil Flynn will be speaking on the necessity of a county wide needle exchange program on January 24 at the

United Methodist Church. 7 p.m. Dr. Flynn is a leader in the field of AIDS treatment and research and it's time we take his advice and implement this program that will save lives.

* Happy Birthday to Peter Schwehn (Jan. 12th). Peter has been battling the AIDS virus for several years now and I just want to say what an inspiration he's been to me and the many others who know him. Ich liebe dich!

* Kevin Cohee of the latest *ISSUE* staff is celebrating his birthday this month with a trip to the Russian River. Bring your hip boots Kevin... Oh, right you never go anywhere without them... and those knee pads.

* Now that I've started, I need to wish belated happy birthdays to Brian Verkuylen, Rex

Ransom, Yolanda Marin, Robin Skalsky, and Ken Bennett, who all had natal anniversaries during the holiday season.

* The Lambda Freedom Fair is already planning for the yearly June pride event. Volunteers are currently needed to make it the best ever. Also, the committee is planning a St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast for March 19. All organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate. Call the Lambda Center at (916) 442-0185 or Kevin Cohee at (916) 456-5820 for more details.

* I love to see those conscientious safe-sex volunteers at Faces on weekends. Kudos to Addam Jordan, outreach worker at the Lambda Center. May I suggest you include those little capsules of Astro-glide in



The Skyy Vodka representatives with Fred Palmer.

your packets...

* Speaking of safe-sex, it seems that the single life is not really setting well with latest *ISSUE* publisher Kate Moore. It seems she got the ol' Dear Kate letter from her Christmas time girlfriend and was forced to return all items she acquired during her month of bliss including a box of Captian Crunch with Crunchberries. Don't mess with Kate... you'll end up with cereal on your doorstep.

* The latest *ISSUE* Christmas Party was an overwhelming hit. Great people turned out for the merriement including Dr. Garrett Madderra, hairdresser extraordinaire Anne Lindquist, artist Sherri Mark, hunks Brad Bauer and Dan Huffman and the legend... Zubie.

* Congrats to Sacramento State Professor Marty Rogers for being recognized by the *San*

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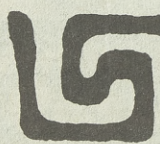
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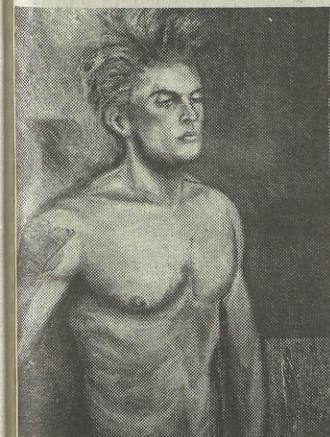
Francisco Sentinel as our own pioneering gay crusader. Marty was instrumental in getting the American Psychiatric Association to drop their labelling of homosexuality as a mental illness back in 1973.

* Other people making thier voices heard in our community were the hundreds who turned out to demonstrate against the inaguration of Re-Pete Wilson. It was a peaceful event except for the flames from the six-foot picture of Pete the half dozen **Lesbian Avengers** dressed as bombs. Remember - Be the bomb you throw.

* **Capital Quarterly**, a community social and fundraising business owned by **Fred Palmer**, held a 1995 kick-off party at **Faces** on January 14. **Sky Vodka** sponsored the event and it was big fun for all. It's no wonder that the event was such a success with entertainment by the funny and flamboyant **Shan Carr**, local comedian **Sequita** and a nasty male stripper named **Dominque**. (He really worked the crowd over - literally.) Palmer says that the group is "a positive, healthy environment to make friends and to share events and adventures." Its premier event this spring is a trip to Hawaii. Anybody can go, but you have to get your reservations in by January 1st. There are four different travel packages starting at \$540, which includes round-trip flight directly into Maui and condominium in a world-class resort. For more info on **Capital Quarterly** call (916) 682-4939.

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Northwest Imperial Empire has a new hotline number with a recorded listing of all events and news of Court functions. The message is updated regularly, so let's see a good turnout at up-coming events!

* Rumor has it that those folks that brought us **Barry Manilow** and **Bette Midler** in the last year are working on getting **Liza Manelli** to appear in the Capital City. More info as it comes in.

* **Co-Emperor Jim Nelson** has been appointed as an AIDS educator, representing **CARES**, the **Lambda Center** and the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation**. He will be giving talks

about safe sex and AIDS discrimination in school districts throughout Sacramento County. This is the realization of a "career goal" for Jim as those who were present at his candidacy speech well know.

* Finally, the date for **Coronation '95** has been set. The gala will take place at **Turn Verein Hall** on J Street on the 29th of April. Save now for those pricey gowns. The theme of this year's Coronation is "And the Beat Goes On - A Trilogy of Music." Co-Emperor Jim will perform to a big band number, while his counterpart J.P. will entertain to show tunes. Rounding out thr royal performances



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* Other important events to put on your social calendar include the **2nd Annual "Bear"**

Chest Contest, January 21; hilarious comedy January 27 at **Jammin Jo's** featuring **Amy Boyd**; and the **1995 Mr. Sacramento Valley Leather Contest** February 11 at the **Wreck Room**.

* What ever you do this month, make sure you're having a good time... life's too short to settle for anything less.

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Twin Spirits 3rd Sun 3:00PM
Alcoholics Anonymous 11:00AM

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Paul Delph is Putting His Faith in "A God That Can Dance"

by A.J. Kelly

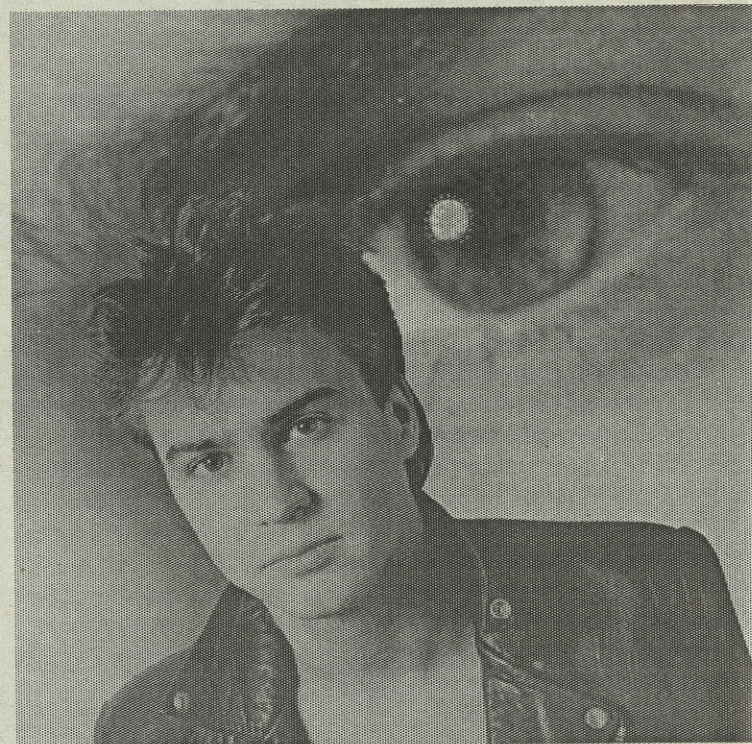
Paul Delph's new compact disk chronicles a musician's odyssey through the AIDS epidemic from a very personal perspective.

Paul Delph has AIDS. Delph has worked with major artists like Roberta Flack and Bernie Taupin as session musician, co-writer, producer, and programmer for well over a decade: He brings that expertise to this solo CD in a way that's unique, heart-felt, and important.

There's not a dud among any of the 14 tracks. Delph has assembled a superb back-up group, and the production is slick, modern, and engaging. But what drives the collection is Delph's laser beam focus on a

struggle to survive. The result is a missive for anyone who happens to be alive in the latter part of this century.

The first track, "Mad at God," begins with Delph's voice in a monk-like drone chanting about the failure of organized religion to answer fundamental questions of life and death. It drops into a solid, well-crafted rocker, in which he sings: I'm mad at God/ I'm just figuring out, time is slipping away...slipping away/ and When I get up to that big door/ And face the awesome light/ I'm gonna ask more than a few questions/ About what's wrong and right. By the end of the second bridge, when Delph screams, I'm MAD, I was mad too. Righteously angry. I'm mad at the



Cover of the new CD by Paul Delph, "A God that Can Dance."

virus, I'm mad at the CDC, I'm mad at Newt and Jesse, I'm mad at a God sadistic enough to torture the people he/she/it supposedly fabricated out of goodness and love -- I'm positively pissed off. On the Richter scale of emotions, pissed off is better than despairing. This song brought me up a notch or two--helped along by Doug Webb's sax solo.

Speaking of dancing, Delph -- whose work includes that quintessential dance hit by The Weather Girls, "It's Raining Men" -- is in his element with the title cut, "A God That Can Dance." It's perhaps closest in style to Thomas Dolby's techno-dance stuff, but with Delph's unique twists. This song belongs in every dance club in the world: In a Honolulu nightclub where the track recently debuted, people took to the floor in droves. From the inescapable, solid dance beat, to the inventive use of sampled vocals, the track leaves you breathless and wanting more. Born from a quote by Friedrich Nietzsche, "I would believe only in a God that knew how to dance," this track makes it easy to see why so many pop icons have called upon Delph's talents.

The CD ends with two otherworldly sound collages that segue together in a dignified, haunting good-bye.

"Breath of Life" begins with a gospel preacher intoning the message, "Breathe in the breath of life -- and let it out/ Whatever you came here with today, let go, and let God." Over this, Delph layers harps and strings, then weaves in his trembling falsetto. He dreams in stream-of-consciousness hope, love, sadness, and the bittersweet irony of making peace with creation as his own life wanes. He also offers a hand to everyone else on the same path as he whispers, "If you need help, just call."

"The Dance at the End of Time" follows. Here, Delph reads a poem by friend, lover, and fellow musician Jimmie Spheeris -- whose life was cut short in an auto accident in 1984. We move with such grace/ To a love of some kind/ Get drunk and embrace/ In the dance at the end of time.

From anger and denial to acceptance (or maybe a detached, calm resignation), Delph invites you along on his personal saga. It's a brave piece of work, a wonderful gift to his family and his species. I think this CD is a must for your collection. Magic Records is currently still searching for distribution. But you can order the CD direct by sending a check or money order for \$15 to: Magic Records, 303 Klotter Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.

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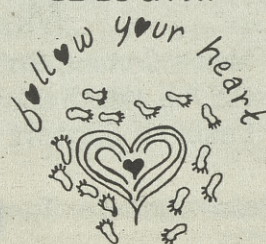
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Off the Edge

The New Year: Welcome to Our Nightmare

by Stacy Selmants

As the New Year rears its ugly head (the Republicans are in power and all is NOT right with the world) we can resolve to at least take comfort in the small things in life.

Resolve to accept things you personally can do nothing to change. Embrace the concept of denial. Ignore the reality that Newt Gingrich is even allowed to drive a car, let alone a whole country.

In this Republican, no-new-taxes era of limits, we should all downscale our New Year's resolutions accordingly and instead of reaching for the stars, maybe we should just reach for another beer. ("The Republicans have taken over the planet! Let's get blotto!") We advocate that our readers not worry and instead just imagine ALL the things we should be happy about in 1995.

The "Don't Worry, Be Happy List for '95"

1. Jack's back.

Take small comfort in the fact that one of the enduring, innocent symbols from our youth -- that goofy electrified clown face to whom you used to slurpily order after-kegger burgers while monstrously large motors around you revved -- has been

reclaimed by American advertising. Yep. Aren't you just a little glad that Jack is back? Can the Tidy Bowl Man be far behind? Should we anticipate the re-emergence of that extremely buffed "Daddy" character, Mr. Clean? Does this mean, perchance, that we might be seeing the end of that annoying Energizer Bunny? Oh, please let it be so!

(I remember how violated I felt when the J-I-B company ran those ads that showed our friend, the unsuspecting clown, being blown to smithereens on national television. It was a cruel slap to youthful idealism everywhere; they killed the clown, but Richard Nixon was allowed to live. Well, the good news is that after 20 years, Jack's back. And boy, is he EVER pissed.)

2. Your money isn't invested in Orange County.

About the only thing the state's Democrats can thumb their noses at this year is the certainty that they can be held

blameless for the financial downfall of an entire Republican-represented county. Neener, neener, neener. If your money IS invested in Orange Co., you're probably Republican and don't need our sympathy. (NOTE: See "neener, neener, neener" comment, above.)

3. Spring is only 11 weeks away.

Whose spirits aren't lifted by the back-to-basics, warm thought of the rebirth of all things natural and by the re-emergence of buffed, sweaty young things wearing clingy tank tops? Of course, it also means that some of the less attractive members of our transgender community will be again donning those stunningly awful backless cocktail dresses which REALLY don't look quite right if the wearer has a hairy back. But, potential fashion faux pas aside, we think it's an

even exchange. (NOTE: For those of you who aren't comforted by the 11 week wait, see our suggestions 1) "Embrace denial" and 2) "Reach for another beer" listed above.)

4. You can always fall back on your innate flair for interior design.

You say you're economically threatened by the state's still stagnant job market? Your extensive experience in threatened job classifications -- such as, say, social work, low-income health care, or as a Democratic staffer -- has you losing sleep at night? Learn to adapt to the changing world and, as a homosexual, rely on your natural skills. In other words: Learn how to do hair, dear.

5. You don't live in Florida.

For those of you who have lived in or visited Florida, this item is self-explanatory. To summarize; the state contains

even more unenlightened, repressive neo-Christian folks than you can imagine. It's kinda like Orange County, but with tons more people driving 35 m.p.h. in the fast lane. And you can't legally buy a drink there until 1 p.m. on Sundays, which means finding a good brunch spot with good Bloody Marys AND soft lighting (and ladies, those of you wearing those backless cocktail numbers know EXACTLY what we mean!) is really a bitch.

As we are full of beginning-of-the-year reflections, (and at the risk of sounding Forrest Gump-like) life under the new regime may be more like one of Jack's Super Tacos than a box of chocolates. Like life, they're often greasy, cold and hard to swallow. But you have to grab them and move on. The car behind you is honking, and it's later than you think.

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Horoscope

by C. Lichtenstein

We can finally slam the door closed on 1994 and look with anxious anticipation on the new year. Let it all begin in January which has many planets hovering in politically adept Capricorn and humanistic Aquarius.

ARIES

Play your political cards right and you can make inroads in your professional goals. The question is whether you are too hung up on what those in power think of you. How much are you willing to compromise to get a key to the starchamber?

TAURUS

It is the perfect time to expand your horizons through study, a reevaluation of your personal philosophy or international travel. The Capricornic/Aquarian energy will make almost any legal matter a triumph as long as you do the research and remain in control.

GEMINI

It is possible to gain a clearer understanding of how to "merge" with others on deeper physical and psychological levels. Be prepared to face a few unpleasant realities about your own behavior. Realization is the first step to overcoming ingrained problems.

CANCER

Are you still searching for that special someone? Relationships require increased scrutiny. Are your expectations too high or too strict? Avoid the tendency to idealize a "perfect partner". It is unrealistic and is holding you back from true happiness.

LEO

The holidays might have taken a toll on your best laid dietary plans you must attend to a better balance of food and exercise. Capricomic energy also requires you to attend to the job. All nasty tasks that you have tried to sweep under the rug are peeking through.

VIRGO

The good times continue to roll in but, by mid-month, strict and proper Virgo may be

itching to get back to work. Enjoy the bon temps while you can; Try a little romantic fling or two while your at it.

LIBRA

Create an opportunity to get a few friends or family members together to relax and enjoy your hospitality. Moving some of the furniture around, redecorating or even a change of residence will have an invigorating effect on your entire outlook.

SCORPIO

Scorpios are good at plotting a course of action, but you could come off cold and calculating. If you need to say something unpleasant, wrap it in sugar and let it sit in a cup of tea for a while.

SAGITTARIUS

The planets stir up your desire to plant a few money seeds so you will be able to live out your dreams. If your home and base of security is not as rock solid as you thought or would like. Careful financial planning will help you firm up foundations for the future.

CAPRICORN

Use this fabulous energy to meet and greet as many new people as possible; your charisma quotient is sky high. The people you meet now greatly impact new projects for this coming year and help alleviate any problems.

AQUARIUS

Your closet flies open as all your carefully hidden secrets come spilling out. Don't panic. Consider it a refreshing development; you won't have to suffer in silence anymore at the whim of secret enemies and personal delusions.

PISCES

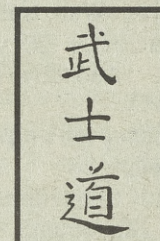
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meeting BM 30-50 for some morning fun in the downtown area- ☎11068

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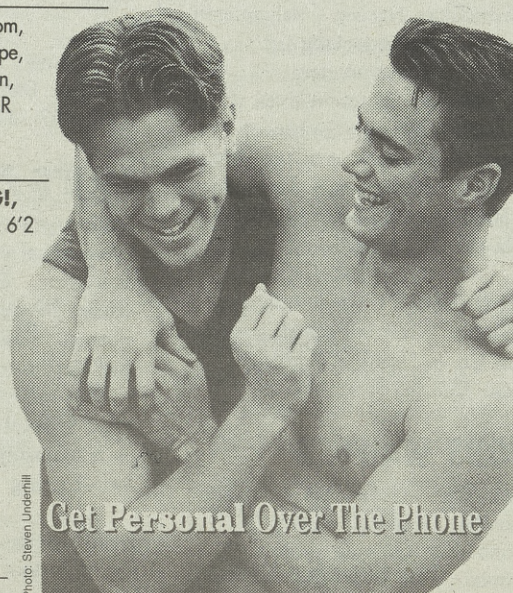


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